

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8311**
Hirotaka KAKITA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1644A
Serial No. 10/594,899 : Group Art Unit 1651
Filed September 29, 2006 : Examiner Sheridan R. MacAuley
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In further response to the final Office Action dated July 24, 2008 as well as the Advisory Action of December 15, 2008, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with a one month suspension of time was filed January 26, 2009.

*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency
or to credit any overpayment associated with this
communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.*